

# SCARAMOUCHE

by Rafael Sabatini

## BEGIN HERE TODAY

A death warrant, charging him with sedition, forces

ANDRE-LOUIS MOREAU to flee from his native town of Gavrilac and delay revenge on the great and powerful

MARQUIS DE LA TOUR D'AZYR. When the Marquis had deliberately tricked the idealistic divinity student.

PHILIPPE DE VILMORIN, into a duel and killed him, because he feared that Philippe had a "dangerous gift of eloquence." Andre-Louis swore to carry on his friend's work of destroying the power of the nobles. His second motive against the Marquis was his love for the beautiful

ALINE DE KERCADIOU, niece of the Lord of Gavrilac, who was popularly believed to be the father of Andre-Louis. The profligate marquis sues for the girl's hand.

Warned by Aline that he is about to be arrested, Andre-Louis flees and takes refuge with a band of strolling players presided over by MONSIEUR BINET.

## GO ON WITH THE STORY

The conversation becoming general, Andre-Louis soon learned what there was to learn of this strolling band. They were on their way to Guichen, where they hoped to prosper at the fair that was to open on Monday next. And then M. Binet fetched a sigh.

"But we shall miss Felicien," M. Binet turned to Andre-Louis. "He was our property man, our man of

be very much left toward the wages of his players.

"And what do you think of it?" he asked at his companion.

"Possibly it could have been worse; probably it could not," said he.

In sheer amazement M. Binet checked his stride, and turned to look at his companion.

"Huh!" said he. "Dieu de Dieu! But you are frank."

At supper a half-hour later he revived the topic.

"Our latest recruit," he announced, "has the impudence to tell me that possibly our comedy could have been worse, but that probably it could not." And he blew out his great round cheeks to invite a laugh at the expense of that foolish critic.

From the tail of the table Andre-Louis was challenged by Climegne, who sat there between Columbine and Madame.

"You would alter the comedy, would you, M. Parvissimus?" she cried, giving him the name which earlier he had suggested as appropriate to the least of the company.

"I would suggest that it be altered," he corrected, inclining his head. "I should go back to the original and help myself more freely from it."

"The original?" questioned M. Binet—the author.

"It is called, I believe, 'Monsieur de Ponceauagnac,' and was written by Moliere."

"You do not imply that I have been stealing from Moliere?"

"I advise you to do so, monsieur," was the disconcerting reply.

"He is outrageous," said made-

thing scared, their eyes upon Andre-Louis, who was the only one entirely unmoved by this outburst of virtuous indignation.

"You realize, monsieur," he said, very quietly, "that you are insulting the memory of the illustrious dead?"

"Eh?" said Binet.

"You insult the memory of Moliere, the greatest ornament of our stage, one of the greatest ornaments of our nation, when you suggest that there is villainy in doing that which he never hesitated to do, which no great author yet has hesitated to do. You cannot suppose that Moliere ever troubled himself to be original in the matter of ideas."

It was as a consequence of this that Binet retired soon after, taking Andre-Louis with him. The pair sat together late that night, and were again in close communion throughout the whole of Sunday morning.

## CHAPTER IV

At four o'clock on Monday afternoon the curtain rose on "Figaro-Scaramouche" to an audience that filled three-quarters of the market-hall. M. Binet attributed this good attendance to the influx of people to Guichen for the fair.

The company excelled itself. The audience followed with relish the sly intrigues of Scaramouche and delighted in the beauty and freshness of Climegne.

On Tuesday the success was repeated artistically and augmented financially. Ten louis and seven livres was the enormous sum that Andre-Louis, the doorkeeper, counted over to M. Binet after the performance. Never yet had M. Binet made so much money in one evening.

And then the tragedy occurred. It announced itself in a succession of bumps and thuds, culminating in a crash outside the door that brought them all to their feet in alarm.

Pierrot sprang to open, and beheld the tumbled body of a man lying at the foot of the stairs. It emitted groans, therefore it was alive. Pierrot went forward to turn it over, and disclosed the fact that the body wore the wizened face of Scaramouche, a grimacing, grinning twitwaching Scaramouche.

Binet rolled through the group of players, scattering them to the right and left. Apprehension had been quick to seize him. Fate had played him such tricks before.

"What ails you?" quoth he sourly. "My foot's broken, I think," Scaramouche complained.

The doctor came. Having seen the patient, he reported that nothing very serious had happened. He had sprained his foot a little. A few days' rest and all would be well.

"A few days!" cried Binet. "God of God! Do you mean that he can't walk?"

"It would be unwise, indeed impossible for more than a few steps," M. Binet paid the doctor's fee, and sat down to think.

He thrust his through Andre-Louis, and led him out into the street, where there was still considerable movement.

"I am thinking of you in the part of Scaramouche," Andre-Louis disengaged his

arm. "I begin to find you tiresome," said he.

"A moment, M. Parvissimus. If I am to lose that fifteen louis, you'll not take it, amiss that I compensate myself in other ways?"

"That is your own concern, M. Binet."

"Pardon, M. Parvissimus. It may possibly be also yours," Binet took his arm again. "Do me the kindness to step across the street with me. Just as far as the post-office there. I have something to show you."

Andre-Louis went. Before they reached that sheet of paper nailed upon the door, he knew exactly what it would say. And in effect it was, as he had supposed, that twenty louis would be paid for information leading to the apprehension of one Andre-Louis Moreau, the son of Gavrilac, who was wanted by the King's Lieutenant in Rennes upon a charge of sedition.

M. Binet watched him whilst he read. Their arms were linked, and Binet's grip was firm and powerful.

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## LIBRARY WORK IN MISSIONARY STAGE

DETROIT, Mich., June 28.—Library work as a profession is but of recent growth, George H. Locke, of Toronto, Can., told the American Library Association here today.

"We are still in the missionary stage where conversion of the heathen unbeliever is necessary. He or it (individual, corporation or government) needs complete change of heart. They are beyond logic," Mr. Locke continued.

"In Canada I have been a prophet preaching the possibilities of library work as a help towards intelligent citizenship and individual and social well-being."

"The establishment of a well ordered training school by the Inspector of Public Libraries of our Province has given standing to the profession. An intelligence test was set up for entrance. It took the form of a course of intensive study, through three months, of the ideals and practices of work in a public library, with daily practice, much after the same plan as made our Officers' Training Corps so successful during the recent great struggle. We have a continuous emergency in the necessity among our people for a better understanding of the problems of life in all its national manifestations, and the place to get that understanding is in the people's national educational institution. To bring these two important phases together we must have an army of interpreters who by intensive training are fitted to help the ambitious and attract the indifferent."

"This is what we are trying to do in Canada. We haven't got very far, but we haven't lost any ground."

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## COULD PREVENT TRAGIC DEATHS

Miss Grace Abbott Makes an Appeal Before Club Women Today.

CHAUTAUQUA, N. Y., June 28.—Urging her hearers to labor to reduce needless and tragic deaths among mothers and infants, Miss Grace Abbott, Chief of the Federal Children's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor, today addressed the delegates to the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Her subject was the Sheppard-Towner act and the responsibility of club women in promoting the welfare of children. After reviewing the history of this Federal measure Miss Abbott turned her attention to the existing situation in various states of the Union.

"In the first place," she said, "it is impossible for any state to know its own problem—when and why and where the babies and mothers die—until the state adequately registers births and deaths. There are still three states, Arizona, Nevada and South Dakota, which have not adopted the model law to this end and sixteen others, Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas and West Virginia, which although they have adopted the model law are still not adequately registering the births of children and are therefore not included in the Birth Registration Area. It ought to be possible for you to use the Sheppard-Towner act as a new lever in securing the passage of model laws as well as their enforcement after they are passed."

"As for what should be done in your individual state there can be no single model plan because conditions differ so widely in our 48 states. Everywhere, however, the program will be largely education and the demonstration for mothers and prospective mothers; their own welfare and that of their children are of immediate concern; without their co-operation the program must necessarily fail. What part the organized club movement can take in interesting the individual mothers will depend on local conditions. Leadership in the whole matter rests in most states, with the state commissioner of health."

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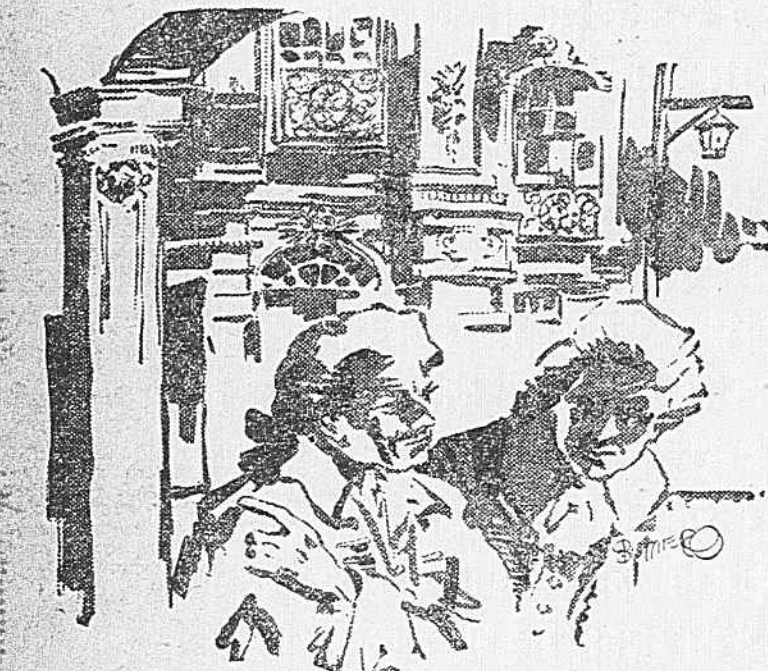
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## "I HAVE SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU."

affairs, and occasionally acted."

The three ladies had taken their departure to the chaise. The men were already climbing into the house on wheels, when Binet turned to Andre-Louis.

"We part here, sir," said he, dramatically, "the richer by your acquaintance." He put forth his puffy hand.

Slowly Andre-Louis took it in his own. He had been thinking swiftly in the last few moments.

"I part from you reluctantly," Andre-Louis continued. "The more reluctantly since I do not perceive the absolute necessity for parting."

"How?" quoth Binet, frowning, and slowly withdrawing the hand which the other had already retained rather longer than was necessary.

"Thus," Andre-Louis explained himself. "You may see me down as a sort of knight of rueful countenance in quest of adventure. On your side you tell me that you are in need of someone to replace your Felicien."

M. Binet was musing.

"What should you say to ten livres a month?"

"I should say that it isn't exactly the riches of Peru."

"I might go as far as fifteen," said Binet, reluctantly. "But times are bad."

"I'll make them better for you," "I've no doubt you believe it. Then we understand each other?"

"Perfectly," said Andre-Louis, dry, and was thus committed to the service of Theophrastus.

CHAPTER III

At five o'clock that evening the curtain rose on "The Heartless Father."

The performance was in every sense unexciting; the audience meagre and unenthusiastic. By the time M. Binet had paid the expenses there was not likely to

moiselle, indignantly.

"Outrageous is the word. I thank you for it my dear. You sit at my table and to my face you advise me to become a thief—the worst kind of thief that is conceivable, a thief of spiritual things, a thief of ideas. It is insufferable, intolerable!"

He was very angry. His voice boomed through the little room and the company sat hushed and some-

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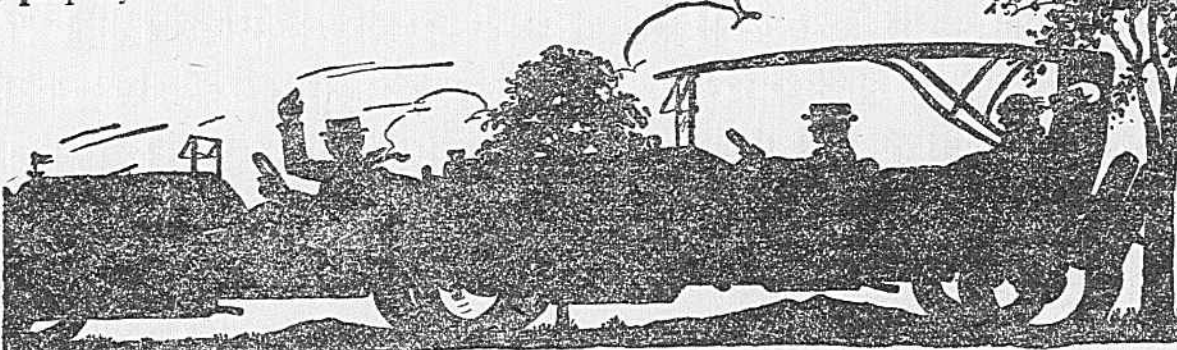
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It is to be hoped that our people will sanely observe this great day this year and avoid all excesses, to the end that the day will not bring the horrors of blindness and death by poisoning through the careless and thoughtless use of fireworks. Parents should carefully supervise the youngsters. Rowdism in any form will not be permitted. Strict orders have been issued to arrest all offenders.

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sonal, have hampered the development of your state health program, this new interest of the women in our joint undertaking to reduce mortality among mothers and babies is going to give new backing to the merit principle in the work."

DESSERT DOCTOR SUN.

AMOY, China, June 28.—(By The Associated Press.)—Military leaders of Kwangsi province, previously adherents of Dr. Sun Yat-Sen, have cast their lots with General Ming, according to advices received here from Canton.

Information available here does not clearly reveal the plans of Sun Yat-Sen. One report says that Doctor Sun, from his headquarters at Whampoa, near Canton, is trying

to recruit a new army among bandits and the remnants of his own and other provincial forces. Other advices, however, render this report doubtful.

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